



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "Still No Legs" timber sale Application #30-083989, FPA # 260⁹⁷²³, is located in section 20, 21, and 28 of Township 25N, Range 12 West, is a two unit variable retention harvest encompassing 77 acres, with a net harvest area of 70 acres. The estimated timber volume removal is 1,493 MBF. This proposal also includes a total of 103 feet of new construction, 581 feet of reconstruction and 5,365 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Following completion of this proposal 669 feet of road will be abandoned and 103 feet will be decommissioned.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: This sale is not structural owl habitat and is under 50 years of age.

Marbled Murrelet: This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: Unstable slopes have been excluded from the sale area.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): Water resources within the sale area are managed in accordance with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Riparian management zones, consisting of interior core and exterior wind buffers, have been applied to Type 3, 4, and unstable Type 5 streams in the sale area. Potentially unstable slopes were removed from the sale area by the installation of interior core buffers. Due to site specific characteristics, the width of the interior core buffers vary by stream segment. Exterior wind buffers with an average width of 150 feet were installed on Type 3 streams; Type 4 and unstable Type 5 streams have an average exterior buffer width of 50 feet. There are no WMZs located within or directly adjacent to the sale area.

Retention Trees: Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 616 trees, have been selected and marked with a blue band or yellow leave tree area tags within the sale area. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and in small aggregates throughout the unit.

Roads: Road construction, reconstruction, and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP, HPA, and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage by installing additional, and replacing inadequate, culverts that will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay. There will be 581' of road abandonment

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sale is located 37 miles south of Forks, Wa. off of the Clearwater/Hoh mainline and the C-2100 road system in Sections 20, 21, and 28 of Township 25N, Range 12 West

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 9, 2009. Comments must be submitted by February 23, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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